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### Noel feeling picked on

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Not only is global climate change a conspiracy, but Rep. Mike Noel, R-Kanab, says area newspapers are out to get him.

On Wednesday the climate change skeptic got in a lively but largely civil debate with wilderness proponents after a rally in the Capitol rotunda.

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In the middle of the fray, Noel criticized one of the activists, BYU humanities professor George Handley, for reading the Deseret News and The Salt Tribune.

Noel said the papers have it in for him and try to paint him in a false light every chance they get.

Noel argued that the activists' opinions are based on false information provided by the Deseret News and Tribune, among other media.

For the Tribune, Noel reserved additional criticism.

"When have you seen them ever write something good about Mormons?" he asked Handley, who had just spoken at the rally as an LDS Church member who considers wilderness appreciation key to his faith.